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health and the  
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toxic harm.*



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Protection Agency

Fact Sheet, June 2011

## Clean Harbors, Wilmington, LLC

### Draft Permit Renewal Available for Public Review



*Entrance to facility on Denni Street*

A draft RCRA Hazardous Waste Facility Permit renewal for Clean Harbors, Wilmington, LLC, located at 1737 E. Denni Street in Wilmington are available for public review and comment. The permit renewal would allow the facility to continue treating, storing, and transferring hazardous waste from a wide range of industries for another 10 years.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**Comment Period: June 29, 2011 – August 15, 2011**

The public comment period for the draft Permit begins on June 29, 2011 and ends August 15, 2011. Copies of the draft documents can be viewed at the information repositories listed on page 3 of this fact sheet. Written and e-mail comments must be postmarked by August 15, 2011 and sent to:

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**Public Meeting:** Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 6:00 pm at the Wilmington Public Library, 1300 N. Avalon Blvd., California 90744. DTSC will hold a public meeting to explain the draft permit, address your questions and accept your verbal and written comments. To ensure the public has equal access to all available services and information, the Department will provide disability related reasonable accommodations and/or translator/interpreter needs, as appropriate, in accordance with state and federal law. Please contact Jeanne Matsumoto at (714) 484-5338 or by e-mail to [jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov) as soon as possible, but no later than July 18, 2011 for assistance.



## Facility Location and History

The Clean Harbors, Wilmington facility (Facility) is located in an industrial area near Alameda Street and East Anaheim Street in Wilmington. It occupies 2 acres of land at the end of Denni Street with the Southern Pacific Rail Road on the North and East side of the facility. There are a number of petroleum refineries in the area. Valero Refinery (to the north), Tesoro Refinery (to the north) and Three Rivers Refinery (to the southeast) are located less than one mile from the property.

Clean Harbors and previous operators have accepted, stored, treated, and recycled hazardous waste at this location since 1967. From 1967 to 1984 the facility was operated as Carrasco Vacuum Trucking Company and from 1984 to 1987 as Sultran Inc. During this time both companies transferred and treated waste oil and drilling mud. DTSC issued an Interim Status Document to the facility in 1983 to allow the facility to continue to operate until a permit was granted.

Between 1986 and 1987 the facility was known as Chemstar and as Environ Services, Inc. In 1988 the facility was purchased by Americhem. Since 1988 activities at the facility have included blending of hazardous wastes such as solvents to create fuel, neutralization, filtration, solidification, and storage of liquid and flammable wastes.

In 1992 ENSCO West, Inc. purchased Americhem. A Hazardous Waste Facility Permit was issued in 1995 and ENSCO operated the facility until 2001. Teris, LLC purchased the facility in 2001. In 2006 Teris, LLC sold the facility to the current owners, Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., and the facility name changed to Clean Harbors Wilmington, LLC.

## Facility Operations

Clean Harbors, Wilmington, LLC provides services that include hazardous treatment, waste transfer, storage, consolidation, laboratory packing/de-packing, liquid fuel blending, solvent recycling, and solvent distribution. To accommodate the increasing need for recycling waste and reducing the burden on landfills and treatment facilities, Clean Harbors receives wastes from off-site generators and then segregates, classifies and stores the wastes for processing on-site.

The Facility accepts the Department of Transportation (DOT) approved containers filled with hazardous waste from known off-site generators. The container storage units are located both inside the building and

outdoors. The maximum storage capacity of the facility is 112,000 gallons for containers and 144,750 gallons for tanks at any one time. The maximum allowable treatment capacity is 52,800 gallons during any 24 hour period. Hazardous wastes managed at the facility include oily waste, distillation residues, industrial solvents, acids, wastewater, metals and contaminated soils.

The facility accepts and stores waste in the following areas:

- Containers Storage Warehouse
- Roll-off Bin Storage Area

### *Wastes are processed in:*

- 200 Series Storage/Blending Tanks
- 300 Series Storage/Blending Tanks
- Truck Unloading Screen

### *Wastes are transferred off-site via:*

- Truck or rail  
(Rail Transfer Station – not yet constructed)

## Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit

This facility received its first DTSC permit in 1995 which expired on July 30, 2005; however, the Facility is allowed to continue to operate until a permit determination is made on the permit renewal application. The proposed draft permit renewal will authorize Clean Harbors, Wilmington to continue current hazardous waste operations for another 10 years.

## California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC must evaluate whether the proposed actions may have any significant impacts on human health and the environment. In compliance with CEQA, DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption for this project. The Notice of Exemption indicates that the proposed permit will not have a significant negative effect on human health and the environment.

## Compliance History

DTSC inspects Clean Harbors, Wilmington on a regular basis to ensure the facility is in compliance with California laws, regulations and permit conditions. Class 2 and Minor violations have been cited since 2007, they are listed below.

### *2010 Inspection*

The 2010 inspection found one minor violation for failing to mark empty containers. The violation was corrected and no further action is required.

### ***2009 Inspection***

Two inspections were conducted in 2009 and found Minor violations for preparedness and prevention and container use and management.

Class 2 violations were found for financial responsibility.

### ***2008 Inspection***

The 2008 inspection found Class 2 and minor violations for record keeping and large quantity generator.

### ***2007 Inspection***

The 2007 inspection found Class 2 and minor violations for preparedness and prevention and container use and management.

### **Why a Permit is Necessary**

The Clean Harbors, Wilmington facility receives and treats hazardous waste onsite. These activities are subject to California Law and regulations to ensure that they are performed in a manner that does not harm people or the environment.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is a department within the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC regulates the generation, storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous waste in California. A permit enables DTSC to effectively regulate the hazardous waste management activities at facilities. DTSC is authorized to impose special conditions in this Permit pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25200(a) and the regulations in California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 4.5, governing tanks, containers, and other facility and operation standards. Permits are developed after DTSC's technical review, and are intended to ensure that the facility operates in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

DTSC had previously scheduled and postponed this public review and comment period to begin on February 25, 2011. The associated public meeting had been scheduled on March 29, 2011, for Clean Harbors, Wilmington Facility was also postponed to the dates published in this fact sheet.

### **How You Can Participate**

Before making a final determination on the draft Permit, DTSC will review and respond in writing to all public comments. A Response to Comments document will be sent to all those who submitted public comments and to those who request a copy. A copy of the Response to Comments will also be placed in the

information repositories.

The draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit renewal and other site-related documents are available for public review at the following information repositories.

Wilmington Public Library  
1300 North Avalon Boulevard  
Wilmington, CA 90744-2639  
Telephone: (310) 834-1082  
Hours: Sun. & Mon. Closed

Tues. & Thurs. 12:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Wed., Fri. & Sat. 10:00 am to 5:30 pm

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
9211 Oakdale Avenue  
Chatsworth, California 91311

Please call (818) 717-6521 for an appointment

Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon. – Fri.

The administrative record is available at the DTSC Chatsworth office. The administrative record includes copies of the permit application, the CEQA Notice of Exemption, this fact sheet and other site-specific documents.

All documents made available to the public by the DTSC can be made available in alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language as appropriate, in accordance with State and Federal law. Please contact Jeanne Matsumoto for assistance.

### **DTSC Contacts**

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### ***For media inquiries, please call:***

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### **Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals**

TDD users can obtain additional information about Clean Harbors, Wilmington facility by calling the California State Relay Service at (888) 877-5378 to reach Jeanne Matsumoto at (714) 484-5338.

**Comment Form for Clean Harbors Wilmington Facility  
Draft RCRA Permit**

If you use this form to send us your comments, please include your name and address. All written comments must be postmarked no later than August 15, 2011. Please send this form to:

Ricardo Gonzalez, DTSC Project Manager  
9211 Oakdale Avenue  
Chatsworth, California 91311

You may also e-mail this same information to: [rgonzale@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:rgonzale@dtsc.ca.gov)

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Affiliation (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Clean Harbors Wilmington Facility**

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Return this coupon to Jeanne Matsumoto, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress CA, 90630.  
You can e-mail your mailing list request by sending a message to [jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov).

*Note: While this mailing list is solely for DTSC use, the list is considered a public record.*